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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Application of Mitsuaki HIROKAWA, Masaaki ANDO , Shinichi CHIKURA and Satoru ISHIHARA
SPIRAL SEPARATION MEMBRANE ELEMENT
Assignee: NITTO DENKO CORPORATION
Our Ref. Q80363

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirteen (13) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	7	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$770.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$770.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	\$810.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-077926	March 20, 2003

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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